

RAILWAY WRECKS CLAIM 14 VICTIMS

Passenger Trains on
Pennsylvania Lines
in Collision

ORDERS WERE DISREGARDED

In Smash-Up on English Road
Eight People Are Killed, Some
of Them Being Burned to
Death—Express Had
Five Hundred
Aboard.

Fort Wayne, Ind., December 24.—In a head-on collision at Nevada, Ohio, early to-day between westbound passenger train No. 15 and eastbound express train No. 4 on the Pennsylvania Railroad six persons were killed and others injured. None of the injured, it is believed, will die. The dead are: Christian C. Craig, engineer of eastbound train; Clarence C. Miller, student engineer, on eastbound train; David C. Beebe, baggage man; George H. Horton, baggage man; William A. Dowler, passenger; Ernestine, passenger, of Chicago.

Of the injured, the most seriously hurt are William Single, engineer of the westbound train; Fort Wayne; scalded and injured about the head; recover. C. H. Conley, fireman, Fort Wayne, injured by jumping; will recover.

The wreck, it is reported here, was caused by the engineers of the eastbound train disregarding the block signals. It is said they had run three blocks when the crash came. It was about to be reported from freight to the passenger engineer service, and was making a trip with Engineer Craig. The injured were brought to Fort Wayne.

SIX ARE FOUND DEAD

Believed to Have Been Overcome by
Gas Fumes.

Kenton, O., December 24.—Two women and four men were found dead in the rear of the Opera House. The dead are: Clara Latham, aged thirty-one; Mrs. Clara Latham, aged thirty-one; Pearl Kennedy, aged twenty-four; William Kennedy, aged fifty-three; Harry Newcomb, aged twenty-six; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, aged twenty-two.

A fire had been burning in a gas stove, which had no stove pipe to it, and it is supposed that the fumes from this stove killed all six people. Latham was found lying on the floor, while his wife was sitting in her chair and had fallen forward upon a table. Newcomb was on one side of the room, and the Bailey girl on the other. Both had fallen backwards when overcome by the fumes. All the parties in this room were dressed. The two Kennedys, both men regular roomers in the building, were in bed and evidently were overcome while asleep. In the rear room whiskey bottles were scattered about. It is not known how the Latham man came to the room, as they lived in another part of town. They had no children. Nothing is known of Newcomb or of the Bailey girl. William Kennedy had been separated from his wife for some time. He has a number of grandchildren. Christmas presents he had prepared for them were found scattered about his room.

MRS. SELBY GETS DECREE

Thus Ends "Kid McCoy's" Fifth Matrimonial Venture.

New York, December 24.—Justice Plazek, in the Supreme Court to-day, signed an interlocutory decree of divorce in favor of Mrs. Ella Selby, known to public fame as "Kid McCoy." Mrs. Selby was the widow of Edward C. Ellis, also known as "Bud" Ellis, and the son of the wealthy locomotive manufacturer of Schenectady, N. Y. Ellis had a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000, with a part of which Selby embarked in the diamond business shortly after he married Mrs. Ellis. Selby's matrimonial ventures thus far number five.

BOB SLED GOES AMUCK

Collides With Iron Post and Coasters
Are Injured.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 24.—While coasting on a steep hill in this city last night the steered sled collided with the big iron post and four girls were injured, two of them seriously. Joseph Rowley sustained a broken leg and collarbone, and Margaret Vandormer suffered a broken leg and was injured internally.

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pacted without charge from Washington
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12,000 MILES FOR CHRISTMAS

Judge Mason Comes From Pretoria to
Spend It in New York

New York, December 24.—After a journey of about 12,000 miles, A. Weir Mason, one of the justices of the Supreme Court of the new union of South Africa, has arrived in New York to spend Christmas with his son, who is a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Justice Mason left Pretoria on November 10. He will return early in January.

WILL REFUND \$700,000

Sugar Company Still Paying Government
for Frauds.

New York, December 24.—The American Sugar Refining Company has been ordered to refund \$700,000 in settlement of a further series of customs frauds, according to the latest decision of the United States Customs Court. The refund is the total amount recovered from this company up to nearly \$2,000,000. This latest settlement is in connection with the so-called drawback frauds, which have been under investigation since the original customs frauds were detected two years ago, as a result of the discovery made by Richard Parr. The drawback cases grew out of the abuses of the tariff provision whereby the importers are permitted to import all or part of the duty paid on imported raw sugar when the sugar is exported as being a manufacturer's sugar. The government has been paying back to the company more than it should during the last nine years. It is expected that the refund will be made by the company of the \$700,000 agreed upon by Collector Loomis will be forwarded to the Treasury Department by the company's directors next Tuesday.

BURGLARS CAPTURED

Victim, Clad in pajamas, Follows and
Gives Battle.

New York, December 24.—Although they fought desperately with both teeth and hands two burglars were captured today by their victim, a man named Frank H. Vick, of the Bronx, heard a noise in his dining room late last night. He went down stairs, revolver in hand, but was tripped by the burglars and lost his gun. Nevertheless, when they rushed back to the room, he was on his feet and gave them a good beating. He overtook them in front of Detective Lieutenant Maher's house and closed with them. Vick's back and fore the teeth terribly, but was unable to get away. The other burglar returned to the room, and also hit Vick frantically. By this time the entire neighborhood was aroused, and the air was full of revolver shots. One of which hit Vick over the head. Soon Lieutenant Maher joined the fight, and he and Vick overpowered the burglars. They were taken to the police station, where they gave the names of Joseph Murphy and John Hughes.

SHAKE-UP IMMINENT

New York's Police Department Again
In Turmoil.

New York, December 24.—Another shake-up in the Police Department is imminent. Clement J. Driscoll, first deputy police commissioner, it is stated, will submit his resignation to Mayor Gaynor January 1, after less than two months of service, and there is also a rumor that Commissioner Crosey, who has held office only a few months longer, will resign shortly. Second Deputy Flynn, it is understood, will become first deputy, and will eventually head the department. Deputy Driscoll was taken from an evening paper by Mayor Gaynor and made commissioner of the department. He was promoted to his present position, and placed in charge of the vice squad. The resignation of the shake-up is unknown, although it is stated that charges of graft have been lodged against one of his subordinates. The first resignation of the shake-up was Monday, when Deputy Flynn led the raiders against several alleged gambling resorts.

WILL BE AIR PILOT

Lieutenant D. C. December 24.—Master
of the Submarines.

Washington, D. C., December 24.—Unless he first breaks his neck, Lieutenant Theodore C. Elyson soon will be in a position to claim the title of the first naval officer who is equally at home in each of the three elements—earth, air and water. Acting Secretary of the Navy, Elyson is being sent to a course of training in the management of submarines under the instruction of Glenn H. Curtiss at the training park at Los Angeles, Cal. Lieutenant already has mastered the submarine and can navigate the underwater craft like a fish. Of course, an expert pedestrian as a result of the physical training orders, and now he is to become an air pilot. He thought the assignment to the training course, though it is probable that he thereby violated his life insurance. It is expected that his familiarity with the use of the gasoline engines in submarines will prove to be of value in handling the motors of the aeroplanes.

Count Von Ballestrem Dead.

Berlin, December 24.—Count Franz Karl Wolfgang Von Ballestrem, former president of the Reichstag, died today. He was born in 1831.

Christmas Sentiment of Cardinal Gibbons

Baltimore, Md., December 24.—Cardinal Gibbons to-day, in response to a request for a Christmas sentiment, wrote the following: "Christmas is a day of gladness for all men. Not only do the more comfortable share their gifts with their poorer brothers, asking their prayers in return, but each and all, rich and poor, young and old, hope and promises of the new-born Saviour. All seem to feel what the angels sang at Bethlehem: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.'"

MYSTERY DEEPENS; HOPE ABANDONED

No Trace Can Be Found of Aviator
Grace.

MAY BE VICTIM OF QUICKSANDS

Case Likely to Be First of Absolute
Disappearance of Aero-
plane—Every Inch of Sea
and Coast Has Been
Searched in
Vain.

London, December 24.—The last hope has been abandoned by the searchers for the missing aviator, Grace, who disappeared from the English Channel as far as the Belgian frontier, and has not been seen since he started to recross the channel from Calais to Dover. It was rumored to-day that the crew of a fishing boat had seen the aviator fall into the North Sea, but telegrams dispatched to all points along the coasts of Belgium and Holland were all answered to the effect that there was no news of the aviator. There is no confirmation of the report that an airship without a passenger has been picked up in the North Sea.

There are some friends of Grace who find encouragement in the belief that he may have been picked up at sea by a vessel outward bound to a distant port, but this is considered unlikely. The most plausible theory of his disappearance is that he lost his bearings in the fog and instead of approaching Dover, bore off over the Goodwin sand, a range of shoals at the south end of the North Sea. Quicksands stretch for ten miles along the coast, about half a mile from shore, and it is there that it feared Grace met his fate.

Every effort to find him has been made. Automobiles have traversed every foot of the coast and torpedo boats have explored the waters with wireless and searchlights.

Grace, it is believed, did not have a compass. He is said to have depended on his own sense of direction, and to have taken this precaution before starting.

The case threatens to become the first of the absolute disappearance of an aeroplane. The fact that the range of the Goodwin sand is from five to six miles from the coast, has made the complete disappearance of an aviator almost impossible.

STRIKE IS AVERTED

Teachers "Dig Down in Jeans" and
Pay Janitors.

New Haven, Conn., December 24.—Members of the Board of Education of the New Haven public schools had the unique experience last night of avoiding a strike of school janitors by means of a subscription for the amount of money demanded by the janitors as extra compensation. Cooking classes have been organized in the schools, and young women who could not receive day instruction. The janitors have objected to working overtime, and the school board has offered to pay them an increased compensation for them. The ultimatum came yesterday, and either the classes had to be given up, or the janitors had to be paid. The school board decided to pay the janitors "dig down into their jeans" and raised cash enough to satisfy the would-be strikers.

MRS. MARTIN GUILTY

Woman Had Dynamited Home of
Judge Ogden.

Oakland, Cal., December 24.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, charged with having dynamited the home of Judge Ogden, returned a verdict of guilty last night, recommending the defendant to the extreme penalty of death. The jury also found that Mrs. Martin plotted to destroy the residence of Judge Ogden because of the jurist's alleged unfairness in the trial of an insurance case in which she was interested. "Baby" John Martin, who she claims, is her son, was the dynamite and fired the fuse under fear of death at the hands of Mrs. Martin if he failed to accomplish the deed.

"CHRISTMAS TWINS" HAPPY

To-Day They Will Celebrate Their
Ninety-Fifth Birthdays.

Hempstead, N. Y., December 24.—Samuel and William Muncie, the famous "Christmas twins" of Babylon, Long Island, will celebrate their ninety-fifth birthday to-morrow, surrounded by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Both are excellent health and look so much alike that even some of their relatives find it difficult to distinguish one from the other. Both believe that they owe their long life and excellent health to the fact that neither has ever smoked or tasted intoxicants.

HALF TON OF GOLD

Yellow Metal Brought Out Over Alaska
Trail.

Seward, Alaska, December 24.—Half a ton of gold was brought out over the trail on dog sleds by a party of five miners, who arrived from the Iditarod trail yesterday. This is the camp's largest clean-up since the close of navigation for the winter. The gold will be sent to the government assay office at Seattle.

Worth Ten Dollars a Minute.

New York, December 24.—Ten dollars a minute is the value a New York jury has attached to the time of Lawyer Samuel C. Herriman, who sued the owners of a downtown office building for damages for false imprisonment because he was locked in a room ten minutes by a janitor. The jury gave him a verdict of \$100.

Negroes Are Released.

Havana, December 24.—General Evaristo Estenoz, the negro leader, and seventeen other negroes, who were arrested last spring, charged with conspiring against the government, were released from jail to-day, the court having found no evidence of conspiracy against them.

THRONE CLASHES WITH ASSEMBLY

Counter-Defiances Issued
and Crisis Is Ap-
proaching.

TROOPS HELD IN READINESS

Government Orders Progressive
Leaders to Their Homes and
Prescribes Severe Punish-
ment—Agitators Demand
That Popular Ministry
Be Granted at Once.

Peking, December 24.—The government and the National Assembly issued counter-defiances to-day. In a lengthy edict the throne ordered the return home of the provincial leaders, who are now in Peking agitating for the immediate convocation of a general Parliament, and instructed the viceroys and to employ general arms to prevent further assemblies in the provinces and to treat the agitators as revolutionaries, punishing them in the severest manner.

The assembly's counter-blast took the form of a memorial to the throne, which recites in scathing terms the excesses of Prince Chun, whose office it is that of adviser to the naval department, but who is of such influence in the government that he has borne a great share of the attack of the progressives and that of his associates in the grand council, by whom it is asserted the country has been steadily impaired. Arguing that a constitutional regime has been begun already, and that therefore the government is no longer vested in its entirety in the person of Prince Chun, the memorial states that the throne does not have the right to assume it from the edict of December 18, in which the memorial for the creation of a constitutional government is rejected.

The memorial calls for the immediate establishment of a ministry responsible to the people. It is reported that the government is moving the modern troops with the purpose of suppressing any outbreak.

"IN AN AWFUL MESS"

Would-Be Suicide Imports Information
Over Telephone.

New York, December 24.—After firing a .38-caliber bullet into his head, John Rice, a young man, called on his father on the floor, and calling for the telephone, he asked a woman to get a young woman at the other end of the line.

"You should see me now, Ray," he said. "I'm in an awful mess."

This little episode took place in the Chinatown district to-day. Rice was sitting with a few friends, when suddenly he jumped up and went to the telephone.

"What do you, Ray?" he inquired when the call was answered, and then, after he had the reply, said:

"I'm going to do it. I'm going to kill myself. I've got a revolver in my pocket and I'm going to pull the trigger."

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FINISHES LONG JOURNEY

One Supply of Fuel Carries Steamship
14,000 Miles.

Seattle, Wash., December 24.—The American-Hawaiian line steamship "Hawaii" arrived at Seattle to-day after steaming from Baltimore to Puget Sound, a distance of 14,000 miles, with only one stop. The Honolulu company's vessel brought a cargo of 7,000 tons of coal from the Atlantic coast.

NO INAUGURAL BALL

Governor-Elect in Methodical, and Will
Not Permit It.

Omaha, Neb., December 24.—There will be no inaugural ball at Lincoln when Chester H. Dyer, Governor-elect, is inaugurated on January 3. That has been settled by Mr. Al-Jech himself, who yesterday said: "There will be a reception, but there will be no dancing." Mr. Dyer is a member of the Methodist Church, and said he did not intend to have a party. The reception incident to the inauguration will be held at the state house.

High Feat of Armored.

Bogota, Colombia, December 24.—Dr. Carlos Mendez, the chief of the Bogota district yesterday, said that the Bogota mission is to negotiate a treaty of peace between Colombia and Panama.

Clergyman Gets Commission.

Albany, N. Y., December 24.—Governor White has named a commission to the Rev. Herbert B. Martin, a clergyman, as secretary of the Commission of Second Infantry, stationed at Whitehall, N. Y. He is the only clergyman holding a commission as a line officer in the New York State National Guard.

General Frederic Dead.

New York, December 24.—General Pierre M. Frederic, one of the leading spirits of the Progressive party in New York, who for years was identified with General Franklin, is dead at his home in this city. He was 64 years old. He was forty-two years old.

Virginia's New Auditor



S. R. DONOHOE.

COURT DECISION IS FAR REACHING

Bank Held Liable for Money
Lost on Forged Bills of
Lading.

Former Mrs. Paine Withdraws
From Prosecution of
De Gagny.

MAY MEAN MANY SUITS THEIR FRIENDS JUBILANT

Foreign Interests Which Suffered
Heavily Likely to Seek Re-
covery of Millions.

New York, December 24.—A decision of potential, far-reaching effect in the cotton bills of lading cases, rendered here by Supreme Court Justice, Newburger, is being actively and animatedly discussed among the large interests involved, including cotton exporting firms, bankers and representatives of his foreign mercantile houses.

The case is the first one growing out of the cotton bills of lading frauds to be decided, and while its import was apparently not realized by others, the decision is in favor of the cotton exchange firm of Springs & Co.

The rise of the litigation was in the big cotton bills of lading forgeries perpetrated last spring in the name of two firms, Knight, Yancey & Co., and Steele, Miller & Co., of Corinth, Miss. Drafts through New York banks were negotiated with attached bills of lading purporting to show that large amounts of cotton had been delivered to railroads in Alabama for shipment to foreign purchasers.

It subsequently was discovered that the bills of lading were forged. It was claimed in the Springs case, just decided, that the indorsement by the First National Bank, of Decatur, Ala., which first discounted the draft, vested title in the Hanover National Bank, of this city, and that when the Hanover Bank collected the money it was considered to have warranted the genuineness of the bill of lading attached to the draft.

Justice Newburger held that Springs & Co. made payment to the Hanover National Bank through the mistaken belief that the bill of lading was genuine, and hence that even though the bank was an innocent party, Springs & Co. were entitled to recover from the bank when it was discovered that the bill of lading was forged. Justice Newburger, in holding with the view thus outlined, directed judgment, but deferred the time for the return of the two weeks. Notice of appeal, it is stated, will be filed at once. Should the higher courts affirm the judgment, it is declared that suits involving several millions of dollars will be instituted by foreign merchants who suffered severe losses from the frauds against the several big banks here, which handled the cotton bills and drafts.

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DONOHOE TAKES OATH AS AUDITOR

Gives Bond and Assumes
Duties as Marye's
Successor.

REAPPOINT'S ALL CLERKS IN OFFICE

Requests Co-Operation of His
Subordinates—Governor Forced
to Make Quick Selection Be-
cause of Law—Appointment
Gives Satisfaction to
Officials.

Taking the oath of office shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, S. R. Donohoe, of Fairfax, became Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia. His appointment was indicated in The Times-Dispatch yesterday.

The oath was administered in the office of Governor Mann by Judge R. Carter Scott, of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. Auditor Donohoe at once gave bond in the sum of \$25,000, with the American Surety Company of New York, as his security. The bond holds as long as the term—until February 1, 1912, the unexpired term of the late Colonel Morton Marye.

Thus a newspaper man, quiet, unassuming, yet of recognized force, assumes one of the most important positions in the State. Through his hands will go millions of dollars of Virginia's revenues each year, and it will be his duty to examine untold thousands of claims made against the State, before they are paid by the State Treasurer.

Auditor Donohoe's first official action was to dictate an order appointing all the clerks in the office to their old positions, at the same salary that they have been receiving. This notice was posted soon after 1 o'clock on the door of the Auditor's office, and is as follows:

"Having this day qualified as Auditor of Public Accounts under appointment from the Governor of Virginia, I do hereby appoint all the clerks in the Auditor's office to hold the positions which they held under Hon. Morton Marye in the office of Auditor, with the rank now held by them, and at the compensation now allowed by law.

"I sincerely trust that all of us may co-operate, that the highest efficiency of our office may be maintained to the welfare and advancement of the Commonwealth."

Has Public Record.

Mr. Donohoe is about fifty years old. He has served as Treasurer of Fairfax county, and in 1899 was elected to the State Senate. He attended the regular session of 1899-1900, the extra session of 1901, the regular session of 1901-1902, and the "Long Parliament" of 1902-1903. He was a member of the Committee on Finance and Banks and on Roads and Internal Navigation. He had his part in putting the new Virginia Constitution into effect. While not prominent in debate, Senator Donohoe was regarded as a power in some of the important committees. He was a member of the Virginia Bar, and was a member of the Virginia Association of Attorneys and Judges. He was a member of the Virginia Association of Attorneys and Judges. He was a member of the Virginia Association of Attorneys and Judges.

On Duty Tuesday.

Auditor Donohoe returned to his home yesterday afternoon. The office will be closed on Tuesday, but will be a legal holiday, but Mr. Donohoe will be at his desk Tuesday morning.

His order regarding the appointment of clerks means that a number of men who have given many years of service, and who are thoroughly familiar with the details of the office, will retain their positions. C. Lee Moore will continue to be chief clerk, while E. L. C. Scott will be the clerk in charge of the pension office.

Governor Mann, commenting on the selection, said to The Times-Dispatch: "I appointed Mr. Donohoe on his qualifications. The situation resulting from the defect in the law, which compelled me to make a quick choice, has been a great strain, and I have felt the responsibility keenly, but I am satisfied I have the right man. I served with Mr. Donohoe for four years in the State Senate, and know him well. He is a man of high character, and I have no doubt that he will do his duty without being afraid of anything or anybody."

"The new Auditor was appointed Treasurer of Fairfax county at a time when the affairs of the county were in bad shape, and when the county's warrants were at a discount. He soon straightened out the office, put it in first-class shape, and made the warrants as good as checks."

"Mr. Donohoe is a man of bulldog determination, and when he starts at anything he will go to the bottom. The public may be assured that the affairs of the office of Auditor of Public Accounts will be administered without fear or favor."

"I know Mr. Donohoe is a good, safe, conservative man, and I told the Governor so," commented W. D. Cardwell. "We were associated in the General Assembly and I learned there to admire the man."

"Mr. Donohoe is a quiet man, but he is absolutely fearless," said J. N. Brennan, who was a Senate clerk while the new Auditor was in that body. "He will do his duty without being afraid of anything or anybody."

Associated CHARITIES.
ROBERT LECKY, JR.,
President.

MINERS DROP 500 FEET

Bucket in Which They Are Descending
Shift Overboard.

Ecles, W. Va., December 24.—Four men met death when a bucket in which they were descending the No. 5 shaft to the New River Collieries Company here to-day overturned, throwing them 500 feet to the bottom of the mine. The dead men are John Antonio, Mike Marino, Nick Roberts and John Soike.